

February 16, 1951.
Judiciary No. 2.

House File 445
By SLOANE, NELSON of Woodbury,
RYAN, UHLENHOPP, McNEAL,
ROBINSON and SCHROEDER.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section five hundred ninety-eight point one
(598.1), Code 1950, relating to jurisdiction in divorce
cases.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section five hundred ninety-eight point one
2 (598.1), Code 1950, is amended by adding thereto the
3 following:
4 “In the event of dismissal of a petition filed hereunder
5 the court shall retain jurisdiction of the parties for the
6 purpose of setting attorney’s fees for services in such
7 case if the attorney shall have on file at the time of
8 dismissal an application requesting the court to set such
9 fees, or shall file such application within sixty (60) days
10 thereafter.”.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 445

The state has an interest in the marriage contract and the organization of the family. It is believed this Act will promote marriage counselling rather than divorce counselling by providing for fees to be set by court in the event of reconciliation.